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## CARDINAL DYING

Valencia City, Feb. 15.—General Cardinal Granillo Pignatelli, dean of the College of Cardinals, was reported dying tonight. His physician said he might not live until morning.

The Cardinal, 86, is second only to Pope Pius XII in the Catholic hierarchy. His death would reduce the College of Cardinals to 60. Cardinal Pignatelli was stricken with a bladder ailment last week.

He was clear of mind and drank some coffee this morning. Later, however, his strength began ebbing.—Associated Press.

## HOLLYWOOD MONOPOLIES IN DANGER

### May Be Broken By Court Decision

Washington, Feb. 15.—The structure of America's film industry may be shaken to its foundations—and a big new chance offered to British and other foreign competition—by the United States Supreme Court decision due to be made here shortly.

The case before them is the 10-year old Government action under the anti-trust laws, aimed at breaking up the virtual monopoly held by the five major companies and three minor ones over motion picture distribution and showing.

Two years ago, a New York court decided in favour of the Government but an appeal was made to the Supreme Court. The companies concerned are Paramount, Loew's Incorporated, R.K.O., Warner Brothers and 20th-Century Fox, and the lesser firms, Columbia Pictures Corporation, Universal Corporation and United Artists Corporation.

### GOVT'S ARGUMENT

Together, these own over 3,000 theatres and control the distribution of the vast majority of the pictures produced in this country.

The key point in the Government argument is that no theatre can operate successfully at present without access to the substantial number of pictures which these companies distribute, and no independent producer can succeed without access to the substantial number of key theatres which these companies control.

The Government claims that an independent theatre is forced to do business with the big companies if it hopes to succeed and that this dependence permits the big companies to conspire among themselves to give advantage to their pictures and to set prices, playing times and the like.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Cripps' Challenging Policy

WHATEVER his defects, Sir Stafford Cripps can never be accused of lacking courage. Coming at a time when the workers are more and more jealously guarding their rights and privileges, his demand that wages should be frozen is one of the most remarkable challenges yet made to his own personal popularity as well as to the acceptability of the Labour Government's measures to combat the country's most dangerous economic doldrums. It is now apparent, despite all the efforts to protect the pound sterling, that inflation is undermining Britain's financial position. A once-balanced fiscal budget has been wholly nullified by a grave adverse balance of trade, making even scarcer than before the much-needed commodity goods and services. Sir Stafford Cripps' basic solution for this state of affairs is greatly increased production, combined with reduced overhead charges, lower prices and smaller profit margins. In short, the Chancellor of the Exchequer is asking the country's employers and employees to set a new pace in world competition for export trade. Sir Stafford was able to inform the House of Commons that he had already received an encouraging reply to his suggestions from the Federation of British Industries—the employers' leading organisation—and his realistic speech in the House last week can therefore be regarded as being primarily

## Haganah Attempts To Blow Up Jordan River Bridge

### Consulate Officials Warned

Jerusalem, Feb. 15.—A Government announcement said today that Haganah efforts to blow up a bridge between Palestine and the Transjordan before dawn failed.

The announcement did not give particulars, but Arab Legion troops guarding the Sheikh Hussein Bridge said some damage was done when a Jewish armoured car at the centre of the bridge exploded after the driver had jumped off.

A seriously-injured Jew—apparently the driver—was found this morning on the Palestine side of the bridge. He died later.

Arab Legionnaires said that just after midnight the armoured car drove on the bridge, which passes over the historic river Jordan, and guards fired when the car's driver ignored orders to halt.

Haganah quarters said the bridge had been used by marauding Arab bands for lightning attacks on settlements in North Palestine and for infiltration for the coming Holy Land showdown.

In the meantime, in renewed clashes in Haifa, two Jews were seriously injured, according to an official announcement which gave no details. Slight injuries were suffered by four other Jews, one Italian, one British soldier, one Mauritanian soldier and one British policeman.—United Press.

### 11 ARABS KILLED

Jerusalem, Feb. 15.—Eleven Arabs, including five children, were killed last night when a large party of Jews swept into a village in north Palestine and planted bombs which destroyed three houses and heavily damaged 11 others.

The Stern Gang today warned members of foreign consulates in Jerusalem by letter that they would be treated as "foes and spies" if they exploit their diplomatic immunity to help the Arabs.

The letters accused unnamed members of the consular corps of abusing their immunity.

In its communications to the Consulate-General of Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, the Stern Gang threatened the rulers of the Middle East countries, where anti-Jewish demonstrations have taken place, that if the attacks against Jews continue, the rulers will be tried as murderers and punished.

The letters said that Arab mosques were being used as snipers' posts and the Stern Gang would regard such mosques as military objectives.—Reuter.

### COMMISSION'S REPORT

London Success, Feb. 15.—A United Nations official said tonight the Palestine Partition Commission may approve tomorrow its special report to the Security Council.

Persistent reports from the closed Committee room have said that the five members would recommend

creation of a UN police force to make partition of the Holy Land work.

The UN official said that no complete official draft had so far been approved by the Commission.

Some of the UN Secretariat say the Security Council may not take up this special report until February 24. One informed source said this delay would be granted the Council members so the Russian in particular, might send it to the Kremlin and obtain instructions before the debate opens.—Associated Press.

### ARAB LEAGUE DECISION

Cairo, Feb. 15.—An Arab informant said tonight the Arab League has recommended that its members sign treaties with other nations only if all foreign troops are removed from the Arab countries' borders.

The action was taken at the current meeting of the League Council. Other conditions recommended to be met before treaties are concluded are liquidation of old debts and achievement of "real" independence of Arab countries. The move was described as an important step toward strengthening the League's position as a regional bloc. Members are Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen.—Associated Press.

## Red's Assault On Anshan

Nanking, Feb. 16.—The Communist attack on Anshan was reported last night to be developing with fury as the steel capital of Manchuria was enveloped by an invading force on three sides with fighting at some points now taking place within less than three miles of the city.

Simultaneously, Nationalist forces south of Mukden are said to have launched a big pincer movement along the Mukden-Dairen railway, threatening Communist positions at Liaoyang, 40 miles south of Mukden.

With the Reds controlling the approaches and environs of Anshan, aerial evacuation of the remainder—the greater majority—of the employees of the closed-down steel plants in the city has been suspended. A message of encouragement was sent to them yesterday by Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Affairs, commending them for their courage in carrying on in the past few weeks under extremely difficult conditions.—Reuter-AAP.

## ANTI-BRAHMIN RIOTING

Bombay, Feb. 15.—It was reported that rioting against Brahmins broke out yesterday in the Ratnangiri district, 200 miles southeast of here, with mobs burning and looting all Brahmin property in the area.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the third class railway coach which brought Gandhi's ashes from Delhi to Allahabad would be preserved as a national memorial.—United Press.

## Cabaret Officials Re-Arrested

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—Two top officials of the Shanghai Cabaret Employees' Guild, who were arrested during the wrecking of the Social Affairs Bureau building on January 31 in the course of wild rioting and released on February 9, have been re-arrested, according to Chinese reports.

The second arrest is said to have followed the discovery of new evidence against the two men, Tan Chung-chieh and Hu Yung-yung, chairman and Executive respectively of the Cabaret Employees' Guild.—Reuter.

## SUCCESSOR TO JINNAH

Lahore, Pakistan, Feb. 15.—The Civil and Military Gazette says the Nawab of Bhopal will succeed Mahomed Ali Jinnah as Pakistan's Governor-General due to Jinnah's "indifferent health and his wish to retire in the very near future."

The British edited paper predicts the Nawab will take over about mid-August, abdicating in Bhopal in favour of his eldest daughter, Princess Abida Sultan, aged 35.

Bhopal is in Central India and has an area of about 7,000 square miles. It has a predominantly Hindu population and has joined the Indian union. The Nawab is a Moslem and formerly was Chancellor of India's Chamber of Princes.—Associated Press

## Republican Party May Be Split Over Marshall Plan

Washington, Feb. 15.—A major split inside the Republican Party is regarded here as a major threat to the speedy approval of the Marshall Plan by the Senate.

March has now been fixed as the definite date for the opening of the debate on the plan. On Tuesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected formally and unanimously to approve the bill calling for the full four and a quarter year programme and \$5,300 million for the first 12 months of the programme.

## Soviets Seek Uranium Pitchblende

Frankfurt, Feb. 15.—The Russians have started to work new mines in Polish-occupied Silesia for uranium bearing pitchblende, a correspondent of the American Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" claimed today, quoting "authoritative sources" here.

According to the report, the mines are strung along the Czech border, running about 123 miles east of Zittau, in Saxony. Apparently they are an eastward extension of the pitchblende mines in the Erzgebirge Mountains, where uranium mining has previously been reported in progress.

After extensive searches by Russian and German experts, the report claims work was started under Russian management about a week ago. Since then, the Russians are alleged to have drafted "at least" 20,000 Germans from the Russian Zone to the area, from which all Germans were expelled when the Polish occupation started.

The reports quoted officials here for the opinion that the ore found in the new fields is so low-grade that it could not be operated economically except by the use of forced labour.

On the other hand, it was stated that the German workers were being well fed, but were under constant guard.—Reuter.

## Food Rationing Postponed

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The projected general food rationing for Shanghai, originally slated for March 1, has been postponed until April, according to the China Press, quoting information from the Bureau of Social Affairs.

The postponement is necessary because the Bureau requires more time for preparation.

Detailed measures for rationing have yet to be decided at the meeting of the Mayors of Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Nanking and Canton, beginning in Nanking today.

Meanwhile, in anticipation of steep rises in rice prices the Economic Police will start an inspection of rice shops today. The retail price of rice yesterday remained at NC\$2,000,000 per picul for the best grade.—Reuter.

## Japanese Whaling

Tokyo, Feb. 15.—Japanese whaling in waters of the Bonin Islands will begin from February 18, the Japanese Pacific Fishery Company in Shimoda city, Southern Honshu, announced yesterday, it was reported today.

A whaling fleet consisting of a former 1,500-ton transport ship, which will act as the mother ship, and four catcher boats will take part in the expedition. One catcher boat, the No. 12 Hamao, only recently returned from the Antarctic. Four of the vessels have already sailed from Shimoda and Osaka and by the middle of May a haul of about 200 whales is expected.—Reuter.

## Immigrants Being Smuggled Into S. Africa

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.—A strict watch is being kept on all routes—by air, land and sea—leading into the Union of South Africa following reports that aliens are being smuggled into the country. Hundreds of illegal immigrants, it is believed, are smuggled across the Union's borders every year.

The immigration authorities in Johannesburg have discovered two organisations engaged in smuggling illegal immigrants into the Union, one of which arranges exclusively for the entry of Indians from India and East Africa. The other has contacts in Yugoslavia, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal and other European countries.

Intending illegal immigrants in these countries are said to arrange for shipping space to points more or less accessible to the Union—whence agents smuggle their clients into the Union.

### TRANSPORT FLEET

A fleet of lorries and cars is maintained in the Union and immigrants are carried to the Witwatersrand from neighbouring territories in which the aliens have contrived to make their way.

According to information gleaned from the immigration authorities, some illegal immigrants have arrived by train, while others are known to have hidden in banana crates in railway trucks.

The immigration authorities are doing their utmost to deal with the situation, but a shortage of staff is hampering the work of the department.

Many Indian babies are also being smuggled into the Union. Large sums of money are involved in this traffic and it is known that as much as £500 a time has been paid.

Hundreds of Indian men and women have been returning to Africa, not only with their own infants, but with those of Indian merchants who desire that their children be brought up in Africa.

### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

The suspicions of the authorities have been aroused because South African Indians have been going to India frequently for holidays—and returning with infants. A more thorough checkup is now being considered.

An officer on board the liner Kampala, which docked in Durban from India recently with 370 South African Indians returning home to the Union, said: "The racket has been going on in East Africa for some time. We believe that it is also widespread among Indians returning to the Union."

Commenting on this, an immigration official said: "It is difficult to stop South African-born Indians from bringing babies into South Africa so long as they claim parentage and produce the necessary birth certificates."

"On arrival here, the thumb prints of the babies are taken and these are later checked with the birth certificates and thumb prints in India."—Reuter.

## Ship Collides With Battersea Bridge

London, Feb. 15.—The Russian motor vessel Delta (200 tons) collided with Battersea Bridge across the river Thames early today.

The Delta suffered damage to the wheelhouse and the upper bridge, and funnel ventilators were all razed to the deck level.

The steering gear was rendered useless. The master of the vessel was injured and detained in hospital, his wife being treated for shock.

Battersea Bridge suffered damage to the ironwork.—Reuter.

## Astronomers To Search For Life On Mars

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Astronomers of the University of Chicago hope this week to settle whether there is any animal or plant life on Mars.

They expect to do it with a newly developed electronic device capable of analysing matter millions of miles out in space, which they will hook up to the McDonald Observatory's 82-inch reflecting telescope at Fort Davis.

Mars will come within 33,000,000 miles of the earth this week. Two areas on the planet will hold their particular interest—the green patches that seem to undergo seasonal changes, and the polar caps.

The electronic device, called a spectral recorder, is expected to determine whether these green patches are identical in type to vegetation growing on earth, and whether the polar caps are comprised of frozen water.

If the spectral recorder shows the Martian areas have the same infra red ray absorption pattern as similar earth areas, astronomers say it will mean that plant life, similar to that on earth, and moisture are present on Mars.

If there is a thriving plant life there is a possibility that some form of animal life exists, the astronomers say, although probably of a much different evolutionary nature from that on earth.

The atmosphere on the surface of Mars is so rare that it is equivalent to that 30,000-feet above the earth—much higher than aviators can go without special apparatus.

The polar caps may turn out to be frozen carbon dioxide, scientists say. In the tests, light from Mars will pass through the telescope and enter the spectrograph through an eye-like slit.

Infra-red rays will be culled out, picked up by a photo electric cell and converted into electric current. The current will be amplified and automatically recorded in ink on a paper graph.

Tracings will form a pattern to be compared with the pattern made by earth vegetation and moisture.—Reuter.

## REPARATIONS POLICY CRITICISED

### German Senator Attacks Allies

London, Feb. 15.—The first significant German criticism of the Allied reparations policy in Germany has appeared in a detailed document entitled, "Reparations, Production and Standard of Life", published in Bremen and received in London over the weekend.

The document accused the Allies of violating international law and demanded that the whole problem of reparations be put "on a legal basis."

"Hitherto, all the measures taken by the Allies in securing reparations have been in the unilateral acts of conquerors, and require, in order to become legal, to be confirmed in a treaty," it said.

Although negotiations on the German peace treaty had so far been carried out exclusively by the Allies, the author, Senator G. W. Harmsen of Bremen, said that the document was "to serve as a basis for the eventual negotiations of German representatives with the Allies."

### GERMAN STANDPOINT

He declared that it was completed at the request of the Minister-President of the British and American Zones, when, after the Moscow Conference, "the need to hold in readiness principles for a German standpoint on the reparations question had made itself felt."

Senator Harmsen, who is in charge of economic research and international affairs on the Bremen Senate, called for the setting up of a "reparations organisation" similar to that set up after the first World War, which would give Germany a voice in the form reparations should take, and, "above and beyond the valuation of these already made."

Senator Harmsen said that many of the means adopted by the Allies to extract reparations from Germany were "open offences against international law."

### POW "SLAVERY"

"To enforce prisoners of war and civilian workers to work against their will is slavery and as much against international law as the annexation of territories without the consent of the population, or the expulsion of inhabitants from their lands," he said.

Declaring that in the Eastern Zone of Germany the boundary line between reparations and booty had long disappeared, the Senator said conditions for the taking of reparations should include:

- 1.—They must be in proportion to productive capacity.
- 2.—The point of view of the debtor country must be heard.
- 3.—An impartial judge, possibly the United Nations, must give a verdict.
- 4.—The carrying out of a decision must not be left merely to the good will of the creditors.—Reuter.



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## Cameron in De Valeraland!

IN this country where, as the authorities tell you, the inevitable is the one thing that never happens, and the only safe bet is the long chance, they are two-thirds through a General Election which may suddenly pull the Seat of State from under the longest-lived Government in Europe.

The truly encouraging thing about the unpredictable Irish is that they always behave as expected. It took a people of traditional political instability to keep one Administration in power for 15 solid years.

Deciding that Mr De Valera must go, the Opposition opposes him with the kind of resolute solidarity that splits itself into so many dancing fragments that Mr De Valera is almost certain to return with the largest party.

This done, they will elude his majority so that he cannot possibly govern, so that to all intents they can keep the fun going for another five years.

As one to whom no political fantasy comes amiss, I was ready for a good start. The Dublin plane (a short trip but, on occasion, a gay one) provided two companions.

First, a wan but happy Irishman returning from a business trip during which he had taken no solid nourishment except the olives from the bottoms of dry martinis, who was hastening back to the fleshpots for a restoring steak.

The other, whose simple baggage was (1) a sword-stick, and (2) a Spanish guitar, was on his way to a croft in County Louth in order, it seems, to learn Russian. It was, no doubt, a typical enough company.

### Believe nothing

FIRST warning from all open-hearted Dubliners is that one must believe nothing one has ever heard; the Troubles are over; life is a quiet thing indeed, election or no. This in spite of the fact that for the past week the rattle of lethal gunfire has been fairly steady in the back-blocks, with rooftop chases, Bren guns in the alley, and a cop on every corner.

Nothing to do with the election, of course. Nor, in a city whose only shortage appears to be tobacco, should it be surprising to find, in an hotel room, a chest packed with about 12,000 cigarettes.

Thinking that, perhaps, some abstracted border-smuggler had unaccountably checked out without his stock-in-trade, a guest reported the discovery to the management, who replied: "Sure, now, and you're not to worry; that's where we keep the hotel supply."

Once again JAMES CAMERON is in the centre of an unusual political battle—this time just across the Irish Channel....

Among such distractions one must try to seize the wretched ends of the Irish political rope. For the visitor this is no easy task. First he must get over the initial haunting preoccupation with food; there is an urge to spend far too much time among the delicatessens. That puts him in poor shape for studying the gyrations of six parties and assorted independents juggling for 147 seats and keeping some 450 candidates in the air.

The truth surely is that practically no Englishman knows or cares what the Irish elections are about anyway. It is all very well to say they should; Irish politics are strictly domestic, and revolve earnestly round intimate questions which our demagogued Europe has not had time to remember since the Corn Laws.

The rallying cry "Down with John Bull" has got a fatuous sound to it today; "anti-Britishism" is no longer much of an issue. The Irishman, true to form, tends to start approving of John Bull about the time everyone else stops.

### Looking ahead

THE great bond Dev had with his people—that he kept them out of the war—is a powerful sentimental hold on a nation that would fight anyone in order to stay neutral.

But the progressive Irishman is inclined, for once, to look ahead instead of back—at the rising costs, at the steady drain of Irish manpower overseas, at last year's adverse trade balance of more than £24,000,000, at the over-industrialization which, say Dev's opponents, is no way to run an agricultural country.

All around De Valera's Flanna Fail Party are manoeuvring the others—Fine Gael, the Farmers' Party, the National Labour and Labour Parties, and a sizzling fringe of Independents (Proportional Representation naturally helps splinter-groups and isolated crank nominees). And, with a flourish of the new broom—Clann na Poblachta and the White Hope Mr Sean MacBride.

FOUR YEARS AFTER THE  
NIGHTS OF TERRORJanuary 1944  
40% of  
Berlin is  
paralysed

## Berlin is still living on its shoestrings

BERLIN, Jan. 28.

By SELKIRK PANTON

IN this last week of January four years ago 5,000 tons of Allied bombs were dropped on Berlin. That was the real beginning of the all-out "blitz" pounding that within a year reduced Berlin to a memory.

More than one-third of the city was laid in acres of dust and rubble and twisted metal. Not one building escaped some mark of the bombs or their splinters.

So the Berliners who live among their ruins sometimes irrationally feel that it might be a good thing if the lenders of the Great Powers now busily shaking verbal flats in one another's faces were to have a meeting on one of Berlin's rubble fields.

For today, nearly three years after Germany quit the war, Berlin is still a stricken city, a ravaged and recumbent giant with only a flicker of life in its body.

### So slow...

THERE has been a vast improvement since we came into the city in July 1945. Now electricity, gas, and water supplies work. Trams and trains are running.

But to any one living here it is a progress as slow as the day-by-day growth of a sick child. Most striking to us is the lightning growth of the rank and patchy rubbleweed of black market opulence, cabarets, vicious night haunts, and flashy dress and antique shops, salons apart.

There is no new building going on. All the Berliners' energy goes into patching and mending and scraping for bare essentials, moving heaps of rubble, pulling down dangerous ruins.

Up and down the Kurfuerstendamm, the main boulevard of the city, you get an 18th-century look. Glass is short, so shops have tiny windows with no space for big displays. Most of them are ground floor shops, and above them are burned-out wrecks.

These are black market shops where only one in a thousand Berliners can buy. If you are on the black market—you can buy jewellery or the most elegant ornaments, but nothing to eat, and little to wear.

### Their star

NOW, three years after the last heavy day raid, they still seem dazed and made stupid by the bombs.

And yet, cold and mostly hungry, Berliners queue happily for hours to get into one of the flourishing opera houses, theatres or cinemas.

All day today they queued in the frost outside the Astor cinema on the Kurfuerstendamm, which once twinkled brightly as Berlin's star boulevard of luxury life, and is still the brightest light in Berlin's gloom.

They were waiting to see the colour film of the royal wedding, the greatest box office success Berlin has had. More than 150,000 Berliners have seen it so far.

The old women go because it brings back memories of kings and queens and Little Willie's Death's-

head Hussars prancing bravely down the Unter den Linden. Of the time when it was bright and they were able to rattle it and frighten people. The young girls because it is a fairy tale they read about in books.

The main film showing in the Russian sector, not so rich in cinemas, is a documentary, "Moscow," which shows the development of Moscow as the political, cultural and industrial centre of the Soviet Union.

### Showing off

THE Berliner is better off than most Germans scattered in the zones. Berlin is an "Allied shop window," with each of the four Allies striving to boost its particular brand of "democracy."

The 3,000,000 Berliners have higher basic rations than the Germans elsewhere and, more important, they always get the full ration. There are only 27,000 able-bodied unemployed.

Industrial output has doubled in the past two years, but is still miserably small—a total value of only about £5,000,000 a month. The death rate has dropped from 51.5 to 17.3. But the birth rate is down from 10 to 6.7. And instead of three persons on the average sharing one room there is now an average of one room for each Berliner.

Crime still flourishes, but on a much reduced scale. Last year in battles with the underworld Berlin police suffered 610 casualties; 49 policemen were killed.

In their sector, the British are producing a new "master race" themselves. Germans are faced everywhere with notices in German, "Closed to Germans," "Germans must not use this toilet," "Forbidden for Germans."

Over a British bus shelter near my home (yes, we have our own buses "forbidden to Germans") there is written: "Not to be used by German civilians."

They can get wet. They are the new "untouchables." This "master race" attitude is having such a psychological effect on British boys in Berlin that some parents have sent them back to school in England, to get "democratised."

### Ruin complex

BRITISH doctors here worry about these things, and also about the high rate of nervous depression and other psychiatric troubles among the British troops and civilians. They blame the ruins and the artificial life Britons are forced to live in Berlin among a beaten, dispirited, and unhappy people.

That is why no one here, least of all the Berliners, is celebrating the fourth anniversary of those 5,000 tons of bombs.

That, too, is why people here would like to see Benito, Marshall, and Molotov spend a week or so discussing on a Berlin rubble field before anybody thinks of dropping any more bombs.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

LYING in his cosy dining-hall at 14, Railway-dwellings, Knightsbridge, five-year-old Mrs Clopett, spinster, of 16, Apple-drive, Colchester, told me how her niece, Sir Edward Towell, a bricklayer's mate, dived off the spire of Hendon Cathedral in a snow-storm next July, and swam ashore at Honiton skating-rink.

Mrs Clopett's little grandfather, aged 204, witnessed this moving spectacle from a chimney of the Corn Exchange at Grimsby, whence you had come with her son's grand-daughter, Edgar Gray, who was an ironmonger's mother named Myra Lucas, including Harry.

How many mistakes are there in the above? Send your replies to the School of Psychological Analysis, The Peak, Hongkong.

### Old days in Ahaland

STAMPEDES of wild elephants are becoming more common in Ahaland, owing to the presence of gun-units up country, on the lower

Zimbabwe. The film men have taught the elephants to stampee on the slightest provocation, as they needed such a scene for "Gipsy Lips," the life story of Anthony Trollope. In this film is shown also the weird, slow, ceremonial dance of the (Jiblis), which it is hoped to popularise in American dance halls as the "Desert Kraal." When a stampee of elephants is expected the Ahahas make a lot of elephants out of mud, and dump them all round the villages. The theory is that when the real elephants see what they take to be their fellow-elephants, they will stop to fraternise. But it has never happened yet.

### In passing

JOKES about social gaffes always recall that archbishop, Mene. Grand, whom Tallyrand married. On being introduced to Sir George Robinson in England, he said, "Where is your man Friday?" Thinking of her blunders, Tallyrand said: "A clever woman compromises her husband; a stupid woman only compromises herself." This has the air of a profound remark, but is sheer nonsense.

### My guess

I HAVE been long enough in Ireland to know better, but if you want a guess: on February 4 De Valera, whose majority has always been slender, will be returned with the largest party. He will be unable to form a Government without the help of the Right—Fine Gael—or the Left—Labour, and he is against a Coalition.

As for Mr MacBride, do not tell me he will not be there, too. Right or Left, as the case may be. Up the Rebels, anyway, wherever they are.

NANCY Strictly in Character



By Ernie Bushmiller





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2. **Powder Base.** Eight ounces of good quality witch hazel, one-half teaspoonful of boracic acid, one-half teaspoonful of glycerine. Mix well.
3. **Astringent Pack.** Into two heaping teaspoonfuls of knolin, pour enough witch hazel to make a paste the consistency of whipped cream. Spread over throat and face and allow to dry. Remove with warm water, then splash with very cold water.
4. **For Enlarged Pores.** Mix one teaspoonful of boracic acid and one ounce of witch hazel.
5. **Skin Softener.** One pint of witch hazel, one teaspoonful of boracic acid. Add powdered milk sufficient to make a paste.
6. **Fullers Earth Egg Pack.** This pack is good for all skin conditions other than a blemished skin. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and apply the mixture to your face. Allow it to remain on the face for ten minutes, then remove it with cold water. Here are the ingredients: one egg, well beaten; one-half cup of Fullers Earth, five drops of tincture of benzoin and one ounce of orange flower water.
7. **Bleach for Sallow Skin.** One teaspoonful of almond meal, two tablespoonfuls of strong peroxide, two tablespoonfuls of ripe lemon juice, four tablespoonfuls of orange flower water, ten drops of tincture of benzoin. Mix all ingredients together well or have your chemist mix them for you. Spread quickly over face and neck (and arms, if you wish) and leave on for fifteen minutes. Use only once a week, not oftener. Remove with warm water. Then douse your face in chilled water.

## SPRING GREETING



Nipped in waist, rounded shoulders to the three-button jacket, horizontal stripes to the full skirt... and the colour scheme of this Matia spring outfit is fine gold worsted. Twin feathers top the tiny beret.

Minute Make-up  
by GABRIELLE

Smooth your legs as a background for your nylon! Warm oil, used to massage your legs, gives a satin finish. Scrub your knees and heels with sudsy suds, then use oil. You may not have dimpled knees but they'll be mighty nice!

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I want a new suit and overcoat and they have to fit loose—my wife is threatening to put me on a reducing diet!"

## Mars Will Be Nearest Earth Tomorrow

By PAUL F. ELLIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Man will be looking skyward many times during this year which will be one of the best for heavenly shows.

### SELF-MADE TYCOONS ARE FEWER

America's business barons are getting younger, and more presentable socially, according to a survey by the Forbes Magazine.

Thirty years ago, 50 of the foremost magnates selected in a nationwide survey by Forbes Magazine averaged 61 years of age, compared with the average of 57 years of 50 business leaders chosen in 1947 by the same publication.

Of today's selected business leaders, all but 12 have had university educations. Thirty years ago few of the top-ranking business men had gone to high school.

Such giants as inventor Thomas Edison (died 1931), steel king Andrew Carnegie (died 1919), tobacco millionaire James Duke (died 1925), coal and steel magnate Henry Frick (died 1919), and chain store founder Frank Woolworth (died 1919), had scant schooling.

## Risen From Ranks

Another change the magazine discovered was the absence from the list of founders of enterprises. Today's leaders are mostly salaried executives, who have risen from the ranks. Only eight of the men selected represented second or third generations of the founding families of big business.

In 1917, a large percentage of those who had reached the top had spent their childhood on farms and the majority of their parents were poor. Today's leaders, as a rule, are without grass roots and come from the upper middle class.

### WE HAVE REAPED WHIRLWIND

Many of Britain's present-day troubles, said Lord Woolton at a Manchester gathering of businessmen, arose from the fact that leaders of our society in the nineteenth century were blinded by the rapid progress of science.

They were so much concerned with their material conquests that they forgot the individual man.

Because of that Lancashire had become a national memorial to the carelessness and callousness of single-track minds pursuing only material prosperity, which had caused an estrangement between workers and management.

"Socialism is the alternative to the form of industrial life we have practiced in this country in the past," he went on, "and has arisen as a protest against the conduct rather than the principles of free enterprise."

## Victims Of System

"It has gained its early supporters from men who either themselves have been the victims, or have seen their families the victims of a system that placed human values behind material gain."

"We have indeed reaped a whirlwind."

"Either we must solve these problems of making industrial life happy and healthy, or of assuring equitably such rewards as come from its practice, or we shall find popular demand growing for more and more control of our actions by the State."

### Artist Charges £5 Blood Money

Dozens of people queue up daily in Milan to have their portraits painted by an artist who uses his clients' blood for colouring.

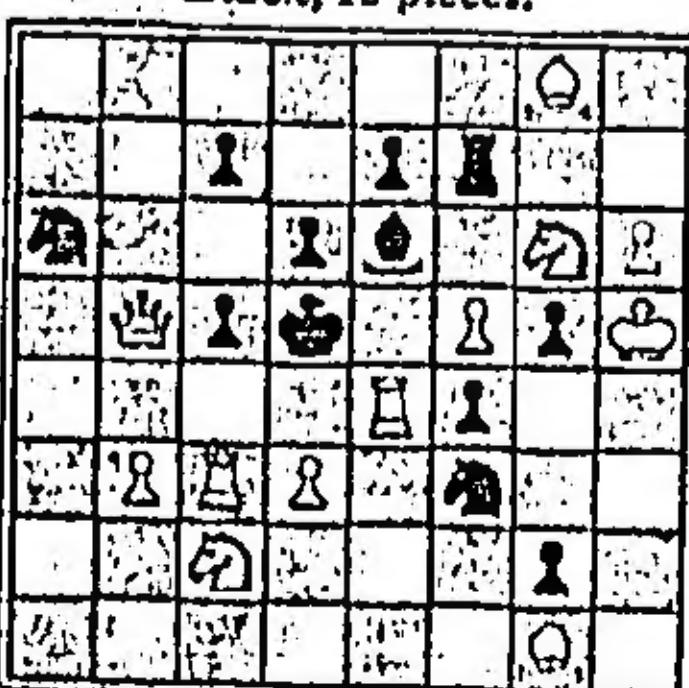
The artist is Aldo Visconti, who charges £5 for each portrait. Most of Visconti's clients are young women who have their portraits painted in their own blood to send to their lovers.

Visconti uses blood for all his reds, mixes blood with other paint to get purple and orange tints.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. H. DRESE

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to Saturday's problem: 1. Q-Q4, any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mate.

The first big occasion comes on Tuesday, February 17, when Mars will be only 63,000,000 miles from the earth. It may give astronomers another chance to determine whether life exists on that planet.

In recent months, the theory of life on Mars has been revived—and some scientists are even thinking of the day when they'll shoot a rocket to find out for certain—if not to Mars, at least to the moon.

The big 200-inch telescope at Palomar, California, is not expected to be in operation by February 17, but this mammoth device with its million eyes has been designed for work other than gazing at Mars. Scientists hope to see and study areas many millions of miles farther away than Mars.

## Three Eclipses

The year will bring three eclipses—two of the sun, and one of the moon.

The first eclipse—that of the moon—comes on April 23. The second is an annular eclipse of the sun, which will be visible as a partial eclipse in the northwest part of the United States. It is just going to miss being a total eclipse in eastern Asia. There, the sun will be totally eclipsed at about five miles up. That means, you could fly an aeroplane five miles high and see a total eclipse.

The third eclipse comes October 31. It will be visible in some areas of central Africa, but most of the path of totality is over ocean. Three comets are predicted to return: the Tempel-Swift comet, in June; the Whipple in August; and the Neujmin 2nd in October.

## Meteor Showers

In addition, the usual meteor showers are coming. They include: April 21, the Lyrids; May 4, the Eta-Aquarids; July 28, the Delta-Aquarids; August 12, the Perseids; October 9, the Geminids; October 22, the Orionids; November 10, the Aurids; November 16, the Leonids; November 27, the Belds; and December 12, the Geminids. Meteorites from some of these meteor showers will land on earth, giving this planet a few more hundred tons of mass.

The year also promises to bring the peak of sunspot activity. This means magnetic storms that will affect certain types of radio and wireless communication. It also means there should be brilliant displays of northern lights. Science has determined that the lights are brighter during sunspot activity.

### RUBENS IS FEELING THE WEATHER

Officials of the National Gallery lamented the lack of air-conditioning as they watched a £50,000 masterpiece falling to pieces.

It was Rubens' Chateau de Steen. The Supply Ministry could not help them save it; there was a shortage of men and materials to install air-conditioning equipment.

Said Gallery Director Philip Hendy: "The British climate is very hard on old pictures. Deterioration was halted during the war while they were in air-conditioned storage in Wales, but now the paint is flaking off faster than we can replace it."

Dampness has already damaged £100,000 worth of masterpieces so badly that they have been removed because the staff couldn't keep pace with the reconditioning.

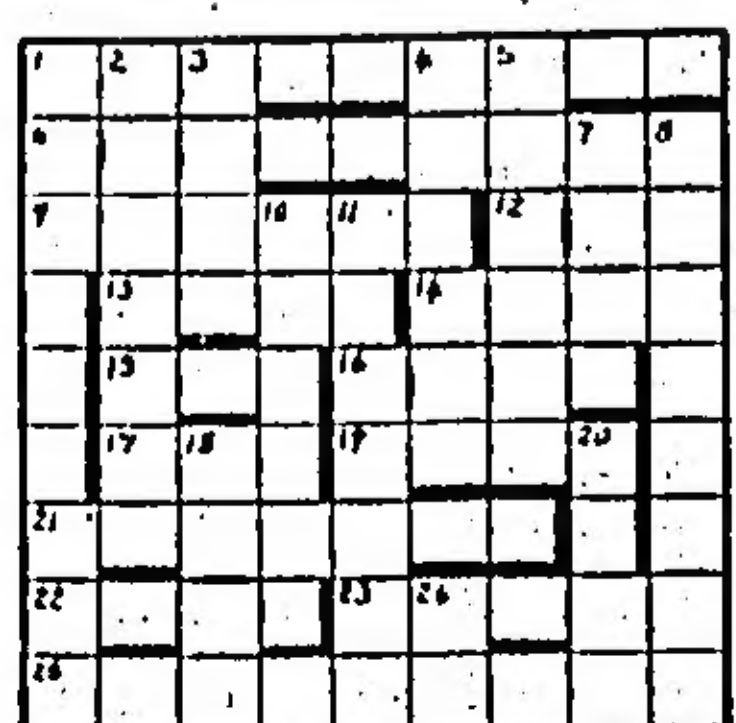
Among them are Botticelli's Adoration of the Magi, Velasquez's Christ at the Column, and Signorelli's Circumcision.

## Rupert's Silver Trumpet—2

Putting on his gait Rupert strolls slowly along staring at the ground and trying to think until he nearly walks into his pal Algy Pug. "I say, can you help me?" says the little bear. "I don't know what to ask. Santa Claus for?" "How extraordinary!" laughs Algy. "I'm in the same boat. I want dozens of things, but my Mummy won't let me ask for them all and I can't decide which would be the best one. Let's ask Willie if he has any good ideas."

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1. A red agent produces the dog. (6)  
2. Well-handled, and assists in giving spectacular results. (9)  
3. A green is one outcome of producing this wool. (6)12. Charge. (7)  
13. Extinct bird. (4)  
14. To this thing modern. (4)  
15. Port this to threaten. (4)  
16. What happens when a slippery customer leaves a cession. (4)  
17. This form is wing-shaped. (3)  
18. Open. (4)  
19. Teaching. (7)  
20. The modern bride cannot leave out this word. (4)  
21. The services. (4)  
22. Retinue. (5)  
23. No! no! drugs. (anag.). (5, 4)  
24. Down out. (6)  
25. Peculiarity. (6)  
26. This man is undoubtedly a ruff. (6)  
27. Powder with me about. (8)

### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

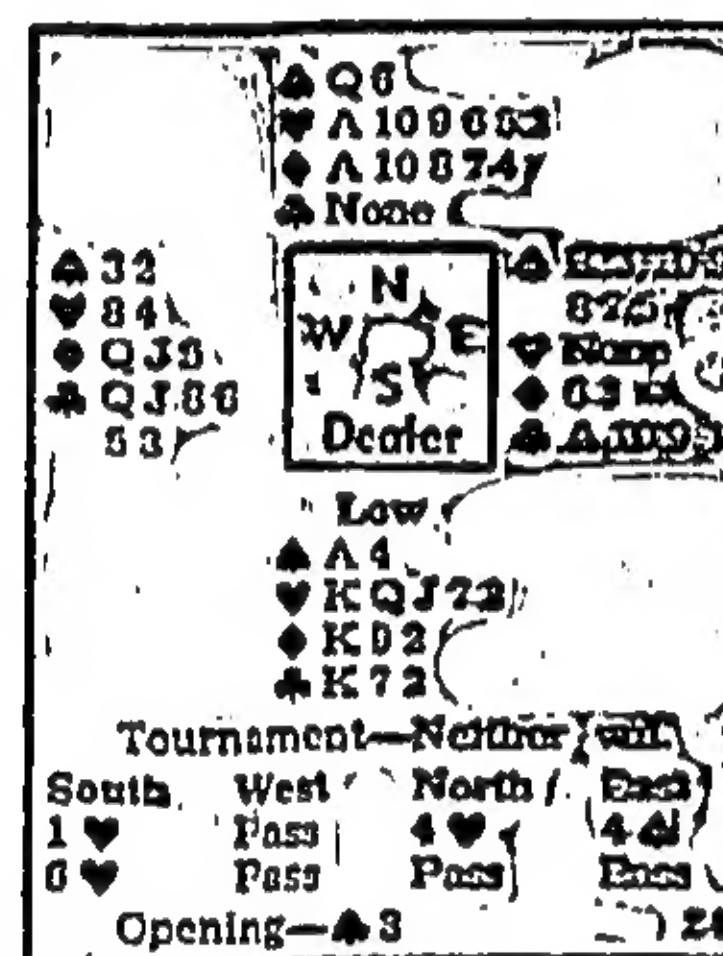
Shrewd Deduction Forces End-Play

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

HERE is a very pretty end-play hand played by Joseph E. Low of New York, who had to make the correct deduction on it. The hand came up in a duplicate game at the Cavendish Club.

Low knew his partner had a very strong hand when he jumped to four hearts. The important play came on the very first trick. East had bid four spades, and the opening lead of the three-spot definitely marked East with the king of spades. Therefore the correct play from dummy was the small spade.

Low won the trick with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy, led a heart back to his hand, ruffed another club, returned to his hand



with a heart and ruffed the king of clubs.

Now he had to decide what East's probable holding in diamonds was. With no clubs in the North hand, Low felt that East would have at least four clubs. West's opening lead of the three of spades marked East with seven spades, so Low decided that East could not hold more than two diamonds. On this basis he led a small diamond from dummy to his own hand, and returned a diamond to dummy's ace. Then he led the queen of spades, which East won.

Low's deduction proved to be correct, as East had no diamond to cash. He had to lead either a club or a spade, either of which would give the declarer a stuff and a ruff.

### Check Your Knowledge

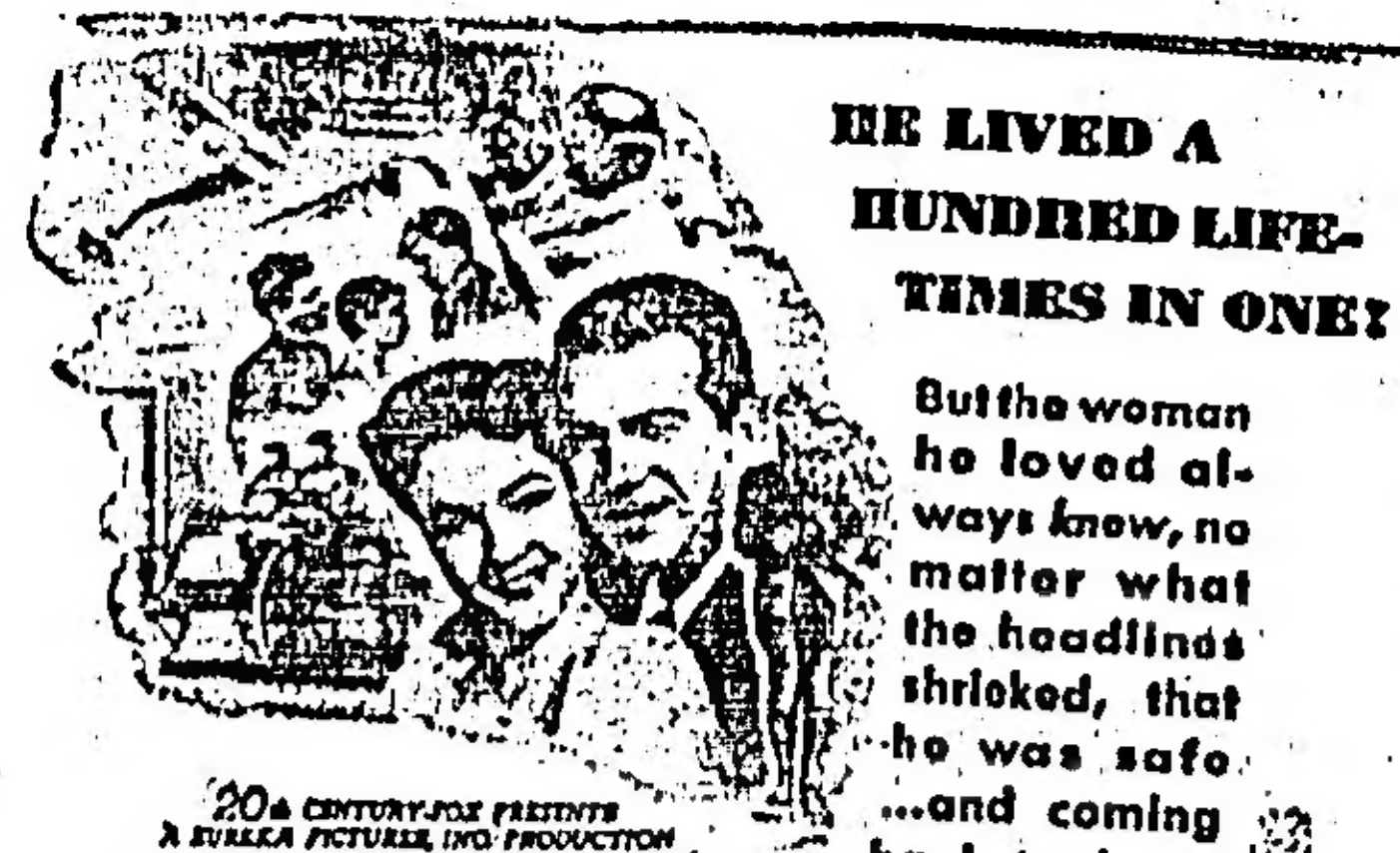
1. Name the highest dam ever constructed.
2. Of what two metals is brass an alloy?
3. The term "steam roller" referred to what army during the first World War?
4. Locate the island of Madagascar.
5. Do owls see better at night than they do in the daytime?
6. What country is called the "Flower Kingdom"?

(Answers on Page 4)

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Polish Doctors To Study In U.S.

Forty physicians, selected from various towns and cities in Poland, are being sent to New York under auspices of the World Health Organization of the United Nations. The doctors will study there from three to six months.—Associated Press.

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## Mahasabha Turns From Politics

New Delhi, Feb. 15.—Because of the danger of a civil war between Hindus, the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, orthodox Hindu organisation to which Godse, Gandhi's alleged assassin, said to have belonged, decided today to suspend its political activities.

A resolution declared there were "tragic signs of fratricide in different parts of India after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi."

The Mahasabha would concentrate on refugee relief and "a solution of our diverse social, cultural and religious problems for the creation of a powerful and well-organised Hindu society in an independent state."

The Working Committee last night outlawed terrorism as a means of achieving Mahasabha aims and, in another resolution, pledged support for the National Government "in its efforts to suppress subversive activities in any shape or form."

At the same time, the Muslim League Parliamentary Party in the United Provinces, for more than 10 years the Opposition in the provincial legislature, decided to dissolve.

The reasons given were that it was neither possible nor desirable to have a communal Parliamentary party in a secular democratic state based on the principle of a joint electorate.—Reuter.

### Kashmir Issue

Jammu, Feb. 15.—Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, now on a brief visit to Jammu, declared here today that every step taken by India with regard to Kashmir had been taken in consultation with Mahatma Gandhi.

Of the Security Council deliberations on the Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan, he told a public meeting: "Instead of discussing and deciding our reference to the Security Council with regard to Kashmir in a straightforward manner, the nations of the world, sitting on that body, have been lost to power politics."

"Whatever we have done in Kashmir has been based on the principles of truth and honesty. India has nothing to hide."—Reuter.

### Gandhi Day In Paris

Paris, Feb. 15.—One hundred Western followers of Gandhi in Paris, together with many of their friends and sympathisers, both European and Indian, will observe Leap Year Day (Sunday, February 29) as Gandhi Day.

The focus of the day's commemorations is a three-point programme of fasting, charity and reconciliation.

For the benefit of the poor in Paris, they will also abstain from wine and tobacco.

Members of the community will also voluntarily perform "acts of reconciliation," such as visiting the sick. But the day will not be a day of mourning in the usual sense of the word.—Reuter.

## SCHOOLBOY'S HEROISM

Margate, Feb. 15.—A free holiday at Cliftonville, Kent, has been offered to Victor Raymond, 16-year-old Luton Grammar schoolboy, who passed the Higher School Certificate examination while ill in bed, thus helping his school to break its record of passes.

The invitation is from Mr. and Mrs. Sharples of Cliftonville, who wrote to Victor's mother at Luton saying they were making the offer "because of the heroism Victor had shown during his affliction—the sort of heroism on which the British Empire has been built."

Victor is in Northampton Hospital where, fighting spinal disease, he is strapped to a frame and able to move only his head, arms and feet. He may be there another year, but in the meantime he is studying for his bachelor of science degree in the hope of becoming a commercial chemist.—Reuter.

## IRAQ EX-PREMIER IN LONDON

London, Feb. 15.—Dr. Sayid Salih Jabur, ex-Premier of Iraq, who fled from Baghdad in disguise a fortnight ago after opposition to the Anglo-Iraqi treaty forced him to resign, arrived at London Airport from Cairo today.

Dr. Jabur was met by his wife and went with her to London hotel. His secretary said: "Dr. Jabur was extremely tired and immediately on arrival he had a bath and went straight to bed. He has not discussed his plans."—Reuter.

### Bulgars Deported

London, Feb. 15.—Five elderly Bulgarians, stated to be displaced persons, were deported from London Airport to Sofia this morning on a Dutch Royal Airlines Dakota.

The men, whose names were given by an official as Boek, Totev, Marchenkov, Charkov and Iliev, were flown to Prague and thence by chartered plane to Sofia.

At London Airport, detectives escorted them through the immigration and customs departments. They had about 1,200 pounds of excess luggage and the cost of transport was paid for by the Home Office.—Reuter.

## Evacuation Of Troops In Indonesia Completed

Batavia, Feb. 15.—The United Nations Mission to Indonesia announced today that the evacuation of Republican troops from behind Dutch lines had been completed, and 85 military officers of six neutral nations would soon take up their positions on the demarcation line.

"Approximately half of them will be stationed on the Netherlands side of the demarcation zone and half on the Republican side," the Mission's communiqué said.

The Commission's military staff includes four Belgians, five Chinese, six French, 10 British, 15 Australians and 15 Americans.

The communiqué said 24,000 Republican troops had been evacuated under the terms of the agreement. The figure, it added, was based on reports from United Nations military observers scattered over Java and Sumatra. Only a few hundred troops, who were sick or injured, remained behind the Dutch lines in West Java.

Military observers were surprised at the large number of Republican troops, and one officer said: "This apparently explodes the idea that all Republican troops in the area are guerrillas, bandits or terrorists."—United Press.

## NEW DEVELOPMENT IN "COLD WAR"

### BATTLE OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS

BY SYLVAIN MANGEOT  
(Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

London, Feb. 15.—Last week saw a new development in what Washington calls the "cold war" between the Soviet Union and the United States.

The "battle of the captured German documents," in which Washington and Moscow have now each published selections from German documents in their possession, designed to discredit the prewar policy of the other towards Germany, promises to be a protracted affair, likely to prove nothing new or conclusive, but certain to provoke bad feeling on both sides by stirring uncomfortable memories of appeasement towards Germany.

Ever since the publication in Washington of the documents dealing with Soviet-Nazi relations before and during the Soviet-German pact, it has been clear that Russia was mediating a counter-blast.

Paradoxically, the first "counter-disclosure" from the Russian side is directed against Britain. The publication from Moscow of the exchanges between Lord Halifax and Sir Neville Henderson and Hitler, if it is the most incriminating document in Soviet possession, does not suggest that any new light is likely to be shed on the moves that led up to the Munich Agreement.

On the other hand, the extreme sensitiveness of Soviet reactions to the publication in Washington of diplomatic exchanges between Berlin and Moscow makes it appear that the Russians are, at least, ashamed of their alliance with Germany as the average Britisher is of the Munich agreement, and even more anxious to bury the public gaze the details of their honeymoon with Hitlerite Germany.

### Bad Feeling

In London, the official view is that the unilateral publication of captured German documents out of the full context of their background is a mistake, likely to lead to misunderstandings and bad feelings. The battle of the documents is depicted.

There is no inclination yet to join in the polemics from the British side, but observers believe that, admirable as the British decision to wait for the publication of the full documents under joint Anglo-French-American editorship may be in principle, the flood of accusation and counter-accusation from Washington and Moscow based on already published documents may well have coloured public opinion so much before the objective version appears that the damage will be irreparable.

### Tripartite Talks

The tripartite talks between the United States, Britain and France, which open next Thursday in London, still offer more room for guesswork than a reliable prediction. It is still far from clear whether the ideas of the three Western powers on the main heads for discussion are really co-ordinated or to what extent the bizonal, tetrazonal and Western European aspects of the German problem can be successfully discussed separately or together.

The consultation of Benelux by the great powers is likely to provide the first evidence of agreement or divergence. Speaking last week, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, implied that the division of Europe, including Germany, had now to be accepted as a reality.

It remains to be seen whether in fact the occupying powers have yet resigned themselves to such a division in Germany.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, clearly indicated in his speech last Friday that France did not, and Mr. Devin has always been consistent in his extreme reluctance to admit that a divided Europe is necessarily inevitable.

### Currency Reform

In Berlin, the Allied Control Council is still discussing German currency reform on the assumption that all four occupying powers are eager to work out some plan for the whole of Germany.

Details of last week's meeting have not been disclosed, but the impression is growing that the chances of four-power agreement on this important subject are still real.

Admittedly, the related problems of wages and prices on a uniform basis for the whole of Germany has to be settled if an overall currency reform is to work smoothly and effectively, but for the present it remains true that the tenuous bridge between Eastern, Soviet-controlled Europe and the west of Europe remains intact in Berlin.

The reported decision of the Allied Control Council in Berlin to print notes for issue throughout all the four zones is an indication that, despite the denigrating clamour of political propaganda, both Russian and the Western powers are too well aware of the dangers of a final division in Germany to slam the door on quadripartite co-operation, if only in the limited field of practical economics.—Reuter.

## Jinnah To Visit Switzerland

London, Feb. 15.—Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, will visit Switzerland this spring, Swiss Radio said tonight.—Reuter.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Answers

1. Hoover Dam on the Colorado River, 727 feet above bedrock. 2. Copper and zinc. 3. The Russian Army. 4. In the Indian Ocean, 240 miles east of Africa. 5. No. 6. China.

## Siamese Fear Malay Revolt

Singapore, Feb. 15.—The Straits Times said today the Siamese army is rushing reinforcements to four southern Siamese provinces because of a "grave situation" among the Malay minority of 700,000.

The dispatch, written from Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Malayan Federation, said it was believed there that "the troops were dispatched by Siam as a police measure."

"The Siamese probably are attempting to quash any possibility of revolt, although an armed revolt seems highly improbable," it said.

The article said latest reports from northern Malaya indicated reinforced Siamese army forces had taken up positions along the Siamese-Malayan border and that troops in other parts of Siam had been put on the alert.

### Living In Fear

The paper described the Malays in south Siam as being "in a state of continual suspense and fear," especially the Moslems. Many refugees, it said, have been crossing into British Malaya since January 16 from the southern Siamese provinces—Patani, Yala, Setul and Narathiwat.

These four provinces were formerly independent Malay states. Malay nationalists have been accusing the Siamese of "persecution," and the Siamese have been accusing the Malays of "unreliable" spokesmen at Kuala Lumpur, an saying that Siam had made new arrests among Malays in south Siam since Haj Sulong, leader of the Malay minority, had been taken into custody on January 16 for alleged involvement in a movement designed to incorporate the four states into British Malaya.—Associated Press.

## EXILED SPANIARDS ROUSED

Paris, Feb. 15.—Exiled Spanish leaders have again raised flat opposition to the regime of Generalissimo Franco. In a violent protest to the French Government, Republican leaders in exile today took a stand against the recent reopening of the French-Spanish border.

The exiled leaders said that resumption of normal relations between the Spanish regime and France may lead to the participation of the Franco regime in the Marshall Plan—bringing Generalissimo Franco into the family of accepted nations.

The Spanish border was closed two years ago by the French Government in a protest against Franco because, the French said, Franco freed Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany.

The exiled Spanish leaders fear that the Franco regime is being consolidated by every step of recognition by other nations.—United Press.

## OLYMPIC SPEED SKATING CROWN

Oso, Feb. 15.—Reidar Liaklev, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion, won the European speed skating championship at Hamar today.

The results of today's 1,500 metres race were:

1. Sverre Farstad, Norway, two minutes 21.3 seconds. 2. Liaklev, Norway, two minutes 22.3 seconds. 3. Odd Lundberg, Norway, two minutes 23.4 seconds. 4. John Werket, United States, two minutes 24.4 seconds. 5. Doni Sung Moon, Korea, and Isamu Matsunaga, Norway, two minutes 24.5 seconds. 7. Harry Jansson, Sweden, two minutes 47.7 seconds.—Reuter.

## Palm Beach Women's Golf Tourney

Palm Beach, Feb. 15.—Peggy Kirk, of Findlay, Ohio, today won the Palm Beach women's golf tourney with a two and one victory over Curtis Cup team-mate Polly Riley, of Fort Worth, Texas.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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Fochow, Macao, Tainshan & Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Tientsin, Haiphong (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Batavia, Surabaya & Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Manila, Mauritius, L. Marques, Beira, and South Africa via Durban (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Japan (Ord. letters & cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Haiphong & Pakhoi (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Amoy, Macao, Tainshan, Shekai & South Africa via Durban (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Closing Times by Air  
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Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peking & Swatow 3:30 p.m.



## British & U.S. Seats On Greek Defence Council

Athens, Feb. 15.—The chiefs of the American and British military missions in Greece have joined the Greek National Defence Council, an official announcement said today.

Previously, they were only observers on the Council, which directs the war against the Communist led guerrillas.

An announcement issued after a two-hour meeting between the chiefs of the Greek Government and U.S. and British diplomatic officials said "a clear definition of relations between the Greek Government and the American and British missions" was agreed upon.

The step is seen as preventing further political moves such as the recent resignation of Lt. Gen. Constantine Ventiris as commander of Greece's northern army.

Both Major-Gen. S. B. Rawlin, the British military chief, and Major-Gen. William G. Livesey, head of the American military mission, protested vigorously against the resignation of Ventiris. They described him as "the best soldier in Greece."

**Fought For Konitsa**  
Premier Themistokles Sophoulis and Vice-Premier Constantine Tsaldaris refused to consider the protests, saying Ventiris' resignation had already been given credit for defeating the guerrillas last December in their effort to capture Konitsa as a capital for a Greek Communist state.

The new announcement means that Major-Gen. Haines A. Van Fleet, who is coming to Greece to head the US military group, will be a member of the Defence Council.

As such he will have a voice in the fight against the guerrillas and composition of the army. General Van Fleet has been named Commander of all American Army, Air and Navy forces assigned to the Greek aid mission. General Livesey remains official commander but will concentrate chiefly on problems of military supply.—Associated Press.

## Claims By Markos

Budapest, Feb. 15.—The Greek guerrilla leader, General Markos, declared in an interview with the Hungarian Communist newspaper, Szabad Nep, published today, that seven-tenths of Greece had been "liberated" and the "Fascists" only held the towns and the immediate surroundings.

The correspondent quoted General Markos as saying his military situation was favourable.

"Despite the well-equipped Fascist army of 200,000 men, he has no cause to be afraid as the Fascist and Liberal cliques are quarrelling in the army as well as in the government."

**ZBW BROADCAST**  
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## BBC PROGRAMME

Transmission in the BBC General Overseas Service which may be heard in Hongkong this evening:  
Dance music (gramophone records): 10:30. Music while you work: 11:00.—The news: 11:10.—Home news from Britain: 11:15.—"Forces" favourites: 12:00.—From today's papers: 12:10.—Interlude: 12:15.—Sporting records: 12:45.—Reg. Leopold and his players: 13:10.—The news: 13:10.—Programme announcements: 13:15.—Music in miniature: 13:45.—The Arts: 14:00.—The news: 14:10.—Merry-go-round: 14:15.—Programme announcements: 15:20.—Interlude: 15:25.—Welsh half-hour: 15:30.—News analysis: 16:15.—The University Programme: Arts Introductory talk by Professor R. H. C. Evans: The Rewards of Philosophy: by the Earl Russell: 16:45.—Composer of the week: Chopin (gramophone records): 16:45.—Production prospect: A talk by William Holt: 17:00.—Big Ben. Radio News: 17:15.—Close down.

## TAFT WANTS GREATEST AIR POWER

Denver, Colorado, Feb. 15.—The United States should create "the greatest air power in the history of the world" to promote peace, says Senator Robert Taft of Ohio.

"Not only will that give us the defence which we need, but it will deter any threat of attack from Russia or any other country for more than any projected plan of compulsory universal military training," the Ohioan said.

Taft's talk highlighted his activity yesterday in Colorado on behalf of his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination.

He called universal military training "contrary to the whole concept of American liberty" and said it should be adopted only if "absolutely essential" to defence.

He added: "Up to this time the case for any real value in such training under conditions of modern war has not been made."

The Senator contended that the Army, Navy and Air Force have been "slow to develop authorised reserves," and said the National Guard is "actually getting the men which it needs."

Extension of the reserve officers' training programme through colleges and universities was urged.

He advocated civilian planning as essential to the success of defence.

At a press conference he described a U.S.\$5,300,000,000 outlay for European aid for the year starting April 1 as "too large." He predicted that the figure, approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, would be "reduced somewhat" when actually passed by Congress.—Associated Press.

## NEW SWIMMING RECORDS SET

Iowa City, Feb. 15.—Three swimming records were broken at the Iowa-Ohio state meet today.

Ohio State's Bob De Groot, Earl Trumble and Bill Zemer won the 300-yard medley relay in 3 mins. 2.8 secs., bettering the American long course record of 3 mins. 4.5 secs.

Wally Ris (Iowa) won the 220-yard free style in 2 mins. 13.7 secs., bettering the National inter-collegiate long course record of 2 mins. 16.6 secs.

Iowa's Keeny Marsh, Duane Draves, Ervin Straub and Ris won the 400-yard free style relay in 3 mins. 30.3 secs., bettering the national inter-collegiate long course record and American record of 3 mins. 37.0 secs.—United Press.

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